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Attorney Docket No. 21402-237 (CURA-537)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : Padigaru et al.
SERIAL NUMBER : 10/042,865 EXAMINER : Not Yet Assigned
FILING DATE : January 09, 2002 ART UNIT : 1645
FOR : Proteins, Polynucleotides Encoding Them and Methods of Using the Same

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicant hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the February 19, 2002, Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before May 19, 2002. A check in the amount of \$55.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

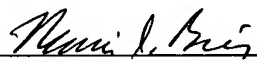
Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21402-237 (CURA-537). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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